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On 5 June I called David Marwell to clarify parts of the Board's first three requests (CIA-1, 2, and 3). The following points were made:

- Marwell will arrange to have a Board staffer screen the package of several hundred items provided by the DA in response to request No. 1. The items consist largely of HNs and HRs that describe organizations and appointments. This would preclude the need to send the entire package to the Board.
- Regarding requests No. 2 and 3, the reason that the Board has asked us to provide information as to the the present whereabouts of individuals is to help the Board determine which names should be released. For example, the Board may conclude that the name of someone who retired overtly and is living in the US could be released, as opposed to someone who retired under cover and lives abroad.
- If the Board wants to interview someone, a specific request will be sent to us.
- The background information that we provide on individuals and crypts listed in the requests is not considered part of the "assassination record." The information is used to assist the Board in its review of documents.
- On 7 June the Board will hold a "formal" meeting to review redactions we have recommended.



John Pereira

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## Memorandum for the Record

Subject: Status of Formal ARRB Requests

1. On 17 October, 1995, Jeremy Gunn, General Counsel for the Assassination Record Review Board (Board), and I reviewed the status of the six formal "Additional Information Request" received from the ARRB to date:

Request No. CIA-1 dated 7 July 1995: Open; partial response provided July 14, 1995. There are over 500 pages of material pending ARRB staff review.

Requests No. CIA-2,3,4,5: Completed; these were requests for information to prepare for specific Board meetings. The ARRB staff considers them closed.

Request No. CIA-6 dated 11 September 1995: Open; waiting response from the Directorate of Operations.

2. All portions of this memorandum are unclassified.

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Re: Status of Assassination Records Review Board Requests to CIA for  
Additional Information and Records

Dear Barry:

I am writing to memorialize our conversation of October 1 regarding the status of Assassination Records Review Board requests for information and records from the CIA.

We discussed the following formal requests:

**CIA-1 (Organization materials)**

CIA has made records available to the Review Board. The Review Board staff will continue its review and make recommendations to the Board and will request further information, if necessary, from CIA. CIA needs to do nothing further at this time.

**CIA-2-5 Complete**

**CIA-6 (Cables and dispatches)**

CIA originally informed the Review Board staff that these materials could be made available by December, 1995. CIA now agrees to make the records available (or to have a response) by the first of November, 1996.

**CIA-7 (Histories)**

Mexico City. CIA has shown the Mexico City history to Gunn. CIA will compile the portion of the history that was shown to G. Robert Blakey,

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which will be processed as an assassination record. Gunn will then determine whether there are any additional portions of the history that should be added to the Blakey version. CIA will compile the "Blakey version" as soon as possible and Gunn will promptly thereafter review the documents.

Index. CIA has made an index available to Review Board staff and the staff has identified certain histories that may be appropriate for review. CIA will make available those histories that are of obvious relevance, and will raise with Review Board staff any questions regarding the requests where the basis for the request is unclear. CIA will begin to make histories available on a rolling basis. Review Board has agreed to review histories promptly once they are made available. Although it was not discussed at our meeting, we would very much appreciate it if you would, within the next two weeks, identify which histories you are prepared to make available and those that CIA believes should be subject to further discussions.

Cram's multi-volume counterintelligence history. Although Cram's history was not specifically discussed at our meeting, the Review Board staff understands that the history has been located and the Review Board staff awaits its being made available.

**CIA-8 (Intelligence community staff)**

CIA will provide a report to the Review Board staff within two weeks.

**CIA-9 (Publications and analytical materials)**

The Review Board staff provided CIA with a list of certain publications as they appear in an LBJ Library finding aid. CIA will report back on recommended action to the Review Board promptly.

**CIA-10 (Interagency source register)**

CIA has compiled information responsive to the request. CIA will make records available within two weeks.

**CIA-11 (Duran's original statement)**

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CIA has been unable to identify to date Duran's original statement. CIA will make some further attempts to locate it.

CIA-12 (JMWAVE materials)

CIA will begin to make materials available on a rolling basis.

With respect to the informal requests, it is our understanding that:

CIA is inquiring into matters related to Spas Raikin. The Review Board staff will discuss issues with CIA once the pending research is completed.

CIA is locating a cable number IN 24738 (7 July 62), which is identified in record number 1993.07.20.10.18:29:650630 (Box 34, F 22), p. 2.

CIA is inquiring into matters related to Marilyn D. Murrett. The Review Board staff will discuss issues with CIA once the pending research is completed.

CIA is continuing to search for HTLINGUAL records, particularly those identified in Church Committee index that was provided to CIA by Review Board staff. CIA is prepared to provide oral briefing on HTLINGUAL.

Please let me know if you have any supplements or corrections. We would very much like to ensure that these matters are handled expeditiously.

As always, thanks for your cooperation and assistance.

Sincerely,



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Re: Status of Assassination Records Review Board Requests to CIA for  
Additional Information and Records

Dear Barry:

I am writing to follow-up on our letter of October 7, 1996, regarding the status of Assassination Records Review Board requests for information and records from the CIA.

Formal Requests:

CIA-1

Review Board staff review continues. No CIA action needed at this time.

CIA-6 (Cables and dispatches)

CIA has agreed to make records available (or to have a response ) by November 1, 1996.

CIA-7 (Histories)

Counterintelligence. CIA has made material available and Review Board staff examination is ongoing.

Mexico City. The Review Board awaits CIA's compilation of the portion of the Mexico Station history that was shown to G. Robert Blakey.

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Other Histories. No response has been received to our agreement that CIA identify within two weeks the histories that can be made available and those that should be subject to further discussions.

**CIA-8 (Intelligence community staff)**

CIA had promised to provide a report to the Review Board within two weeks. Nothing has been made available.

**CIA-9 (Publications and analytical materials)**

We have received no materials responsive to this request. Additionally, no response has been received from CIA regarding the list of publications that are identified in an LBJ Library finding aid that the Review Board staff provided.

**CIA-10 (Interagency source register)**

CIA has not yet made available the records that it had agreed to provide within two weeks. *(was Oswald on)*

**CIA-11 (Duran's original statement)**

CIA has agreed to make some further attempts to locate Duran's original statement.

**CIA-12 (JMWAVE materials)**

CIA has agreed to make materials available on a rolling basis.

**Informal requests:**

Spas Rankin. CIA has made the Spas Rankin file available to the Review Board. Review Board staff research continues. When research is complete, staff will discuss issues with CIA. *files from collection pulled / waiting*

*ARRB staff review*  
IN 23738. CIA is searching for cable number IN 23738 (7 July 1962). - copy sent

Marilyn Murrett. CIA has made the Marilyn Murrett file available to the Review Board. Review Board staff research continues. When research is complete, staff

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will discuss issues with CIA.

**HTLINGUAL.** It is the Review Board staff's understanding that CIA continues its search for HTLINGUAL records and will provide an oral briefing on the subject. It is also our understanding that some HTLINGUAL records have been located, but that they have not yet been made available to the Review Board.

Recent and additional informal requests that we have discussed with you:

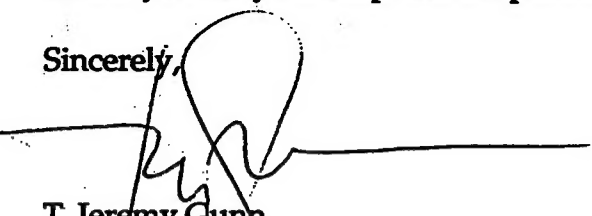
**Operational Reports for Cuban Exile Groups.** The Review Board staff has been unable to locate in the collection monthly operational reports for the DRE, CRC, or MRR for the period between March 1963 and March 1964. Please advise us whether these records exist and when we may review them.

**Moscow.** CIA has been asked to search for additional information regarding Mosco as discussed with Michelle Combs on October 24, 1996.

**Tape.** CIA has been asked to search for additional information regarding a tape as discussed with Irene Marr on October 24, 1996.

Please let me know of any inaccuracies in this letter or any suggestions that you have. Thank you for your help and cooperation.

Sincerely,



T. Jeremy Gunn

General Counsel and Associate Director for Research



**MEMORANDUM****To: Barry Harrelson****From: T. Jeremy Gunn****Subject: Requests to CIA for Records-Related Information- UPDATE****Date: January 9, 1997**

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The following is a list of our current requests for information. These should be considered informal requests for which we await your response. If you have any additional questions or responses, you should call either Bob Skwirot or the analysts identified below. We are willing to formalize any of the requests into our numbered series if you would so prefer.

Response	Date	Request	Analyst
partial response 10/96	9/6/96	Spas Raikin files. Are all files in collection? If CIA has any additional files (e.g., personnel, 201, etc.), we would like to request them.	Combs
pending	9/6/96	Spas Raikin file in Box 15 folder 34. Who is the person signing the DCD messages? Did Raikin work for CIA? Did he work for DCD/OO? What is relationship between documents in file and Raikin?	Combs
pending	9/6/96	Location of cable identified in JFK 1993.07.20.10.18:29:650630 (Box 34, F 22) p. 2. Cable number (IN 24738) 7 July 62. We can send fax if helpful.	Legaspi
partial response 10/96	9/6/96	Marilyn D. Murret files. Are all files in collection? If CIA has any additional files (e.g., personnel, 201, etc.), we would like to request them.	Combs
pending	9/96	Information on HTLINGUAL	Combs
complete 10/96	8/96	Information on Angleton's filing system at CI	Combs
pending	10/17/96	Location of DRE, CRC, MRR(?) monthly operational reports	Legaspi
pending	10/24/96	Tapes	Marr
pending	10/24/96	Moscow	Combs
pending	11/06/96	Tapes of Alvarado Interrogation	Marr
pending	12/10/96	New Orleans, Hunter Leake, Clay Shaw, QKENCHANT, and ZRCLIFF	Legaspi
pending	12/10/96	Claude Barnes Capehart	Skwirot
pending	01/07/97	Howard Guebler	Gunn



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**Subject:** Informal Request Update  
**Date:** January 8, 1997  
**Pages:** 2, including this cover sheet.

**COMMENTS:**

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**Discussion Topics for CIA Meeting  
March 17, 1997**

1. New procedures for CIA requests.
2. Names—computer search and listing of all documents in the files on the people and organizations on the attached list.
3. Who has the Breckinridge files? Are all files together? Document search of all records?
4. Set up records briefings with OGC, Legislative Affairs, IG's office, and DCI's office. Is there an index of IG reports?
5. Outstanding CIA Formal Requests
  - CIA-7 Histories
    - They will be made available on a continuing basis.
  - CIA-8 Intelligence Community Staff records
    - Dated March 1, 1996, Nothing has been received.
  - CIA-9 Intelligence Community publications related to Cuba or USSR November 20-30, 1963.
    - Dated March 6, 1996, Nothing has been received.
  - CIA-10 Interagency Source Register
    - In process. Information has been made available. Followup questions are likely. Follow up request for a list of names on the ISR between 1959-1964.
  - CIA-11 Sylvia Duran materials
    - We need a formal letter for the record explaining what searches were done and that the letter currently in the JFK collection is the original.
  - CIA-12 JMWAVE and David Sanchez Morales
    - Dated May 22, 1996, Nothing has been received.
  - CIA-13 Mexico City Backchannel Communications
    - Dated November 1, 1996, Nothing has been received.
  - CIA-14 Mexico City Station Annual Reports
    - Dated December 23, 1996, Nothing has been received.

- CIA-16 Oswald Pre-Assassination Files  
–Dated January 28, 1997, Nothing has been received

6. Informal Requests to be formalized within the next two weeks.

- Personnel assigned to post referenced in RIF 104-10065-10199 from 1959-1964.
- Location of cable identified in JFK 1993.07.20.10.18:29:650630 (Box 34, Folder 22) Cable # IN24738.
- Complete computer search for list of documents in HTLINGUAL file.
- Information on the disposition of Angleton's files other than in the CI records already reviewed and in the Mangold v. CIA case documents.
- Possible source for tapes of Oswald?
- QKENCHANT: purposes, clearances, Clay Shaw, Howard Hunt, Monroe Sullivan.
- Claude Barnes Capeheart: listing of all documents and location of records. It has be alleged that CBC was connected with the Glomar Explorer. Whether or not this is true, we are not seeking any records on this issue. We are, however, interested in any other records on this individual.
- Unredacted copy of the "Family Jewels" memo
- George Bush computer search
- IG Report on the handling of Oswald?
- Warren Commission critics: Edward J. Epstein, Josia Thompson, Mark Lane, Harold Weisburg, and Sylvia Meagher.
- Contacts with journalists or publishing houses immediately before and after the assassination.
- Any office or person dealing with organized crime and Cuba.

Computer search and listing of all documents in the files on the following people and organizations:

1. Spas Raikin
2. Leo Cherne
3. Hunter Leake
4. Marilyn Murret
5. John McVickar
6. Andy Anderson
7. Byron B. Morton, Jr.
8. Marie Cheatham
9. Paul Garbler
10. Verna Deane Brown
11. George Stanley Brown
12. Howard Guebler
13. Gordon Duane Novel
14. Ed Butler
15. Edward J. Epstein
16. Joshia Thompson
17. Mark Lane
18. Harold Weisburg
19. Sylvia Marr
20. INCA (Information Council of America)
21. Permindex



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Date: 04/25/03

Re: Status of CIA Responses to Assassination Records Review Board's Compliance Program and Requests for Additional Information and Records

Dear Barry:

I am writing to memorialize the Review Board's understanding of the status of CIA's responses to our formal and informal requests for additional information and records that have been requested pursuant to the Review Board's authority under Section 7(j)(1)(C)(ii) of the President John F. Kennedy Assassination Records Collection Act of 1992, 44 U.S.C. § 2107 (Supp. V 1994) (JFK Act).

It is important that everyone at the Agency who is responsible for providing answers to our requests for additional information and records understand that the answers will need to be incorporated by reference into the Agency's Final Compliance Statement. Essentially, CIA will need to attest, under oath, that it has made all reasonable and diligent searches and that its answers are true and correct to the extent of the best, reasonably available information. In this regard, it is important to note that when the Review Board requests, for example, a 201 file, it is *not* asking that you identify relevant records within the Sequestered Collection. *Rather*, it is asking to review the original 201 file in its current and most complete version.<sup>1</sup>

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<sup>1</sup>The Review Board has no basis for assuming that a 201 file as it appears in the Sequestered Collection today is necessarily complete. It is fully possible that a relevant document was not identified by CIA or the HSCA in 1978-79 and therefore is not included in the Sequestered Collection, or that a relevant document that was initially placed in the Sequestered Collection in 1978-79 may have been misplaced at some point during the subsequent twenty years. Therefore, in response to requests for files, *it is not sufficient merely to point to places where responsive records appear in the Collection*. On a case-by-case basis, we are very willing to hear your explanations for the possible burdensomeness of any particular search or your analysis of why a search

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As we have written in our formal requests and as we have said to you orally, you should interpret our requests in the broadest reasonable sense. However, to the extent that you believe that a request poses an unreasonable burden that we may not have anticipated, or to the extent that you have suggestions to modify or to amend our requests in such a way as to better reach our goals, you should not hesitate to make suggestions or seek clarification. However, unless we specifically hear from you to the contrary, it is our presumption that CIA will respond fully to the requests as posed.

In response to your request, the ARRB staff has now identified six of our outstanding requests as high priority issues. We would appreciate your forwarding to us as much responsive material as you are reasonably able to assemble during the upcoming two weeks with regard to these six issues. We wish to obtain a reasonably complete response to these requests within one month. These six issues are identified in the text by double asterisks (\*\*).<sup>2</sup>

The remainder of this letter is divided into two parts involving first, the formal requests for information and records, and second, the informal requests for information and records. Please let me know if your understanding of any of the following points differs from ours so that we can resolve any potential discrepancies.<sup>3</sup>

#### I. Formal Requests.

##### CIA-1 Organizational Material.

CIA has collected information responsive to this request for Review Board action. The ARRB staff has identified records that it believes will enhance the

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will not be fruitful.

<sup>2</sup>As identified more fully below, the six issues are: CIA-7 (Histories); CIA-16 (Oswald Pre-assassination files); personnel assigned to a designated post; QKENCHANT; the electronic take from the Mexico City Station; and files on George Stanley Brown.

<sup>3</sup>This memorialization follows-up, in large part, on your conversations of March 19 and 20, 1997 with Michelle Combs and on the DO and DS&T briefings to the ARRB staff on April 1, 1997.

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historical understanding of the assassination by providing some background on CIA records.

CIA should now review the DO and DS&T organizational material and re-examine some of the proposed redactions. Several documents have been cleared by the directorate IRO's for either release in full or release with minor redactions.<sup>4</sup> The ARRB staff will consult with CIA to determine whether these records should be designated "assassination records" or whether they could be made available publicly in a manner similar to the material from the 1996 Boston trip. HRG would like to discuss this issue before the materials are formally put before the Review Board.

CIA-2 through CIA-5.

These requests have been satisfied and no further action is needed by CIA.

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<sup>4</sup>These are:

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- Organization of the Office of the Director 1963
- Mission Statements for 1959, 1962, 1965 and 1966
- some Office of the Director notices
- OGC and IG Mission Statements for 1964, 1966, 1969, 1975, and 1976
- OLC Mission Statement for 1975 and 1976

DI

- Organization and Functions of the DI pre-1961
- Organizational Charts for 1961, 1964, and 1969
- Mission Statements for 1961, 1963, 1964, 1966, and 1970

DA

- Mission Statements 1957, 1958, 1960, 1963, and 1974
- Organizational Chart 1958, 1960, 1961, 1962, 1964, and 1966
- Office of Security Organizational Charts for 1956, 1958, 1962, 1963, 1966, 1967, 1969, and 1975
- Office of Security Mission Statements for 1958, 1962, 1963, 1966, 1969, and 1975.



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#### **CIA-6 Cables and Dispatches.**

The Review Board first made this request on September 11, 1995. On September 11, 1995, CIA agreed to make these materials available by December, 1995. On October 1, 1996, CIA agreed to make these materials available by November, 1996.

We are aware that many of the cables requested are already in the JFK files, but not all are included. Those that we have not been able to locate in the collection include: Mexico City Station to Headquarters (September 26-30, 1963); Headquarters to Mexico City Station (September 26-30, 1963); JMWAVE to Headquarters (September 26-November 21, 1963); Headquarters to JMWAVE (September 26-November 21, 1963); and all traffic between the Mexico City Station and JMWAVE for the periods September 26-October 20, 1963 and November 22-December 30, 1963.

#### **\*\*CIA-7 Histories.**

The Review Board first requested access to several internal CIA histories and to indices of histories on November 8, 1995. On August 8, 1996, after reviewing a list of histories that you provided, the ARRB staff designated approximately sixty histories for which further review was sought. To date, the ARRB staff has reviewed the seven histories that CIA has made available and has made suggestions with respect to further processing of those seven histories. CIA should make the remaining sixty-plus histories available.

#### **CIA-8 Intelligence Community Staff records.**

The Review Board first requested information on the Intelligence Community Staff on March 1, 1996. On October 1, 1996, CIA agreed to report on the status of this request within two weeks. The Review Board has not yet received any substantive response to this request.

#### **CIA-9 Intelligence Community publications on Cuba or USSR (November 20-30, 1963).**

The LBJ Library has already identified several publications for mandatory

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review.<sup>5</sup> Michelle Combs reviewed the materials and identified some that should probably become available to the public. The DI has been tasked to locate the additional publications that have been requested.

**CIA-10 Interagency Source Register.**

CIA has provided a full description of the ISR, which should now be submitted as a formal response to the Review Board's request. Once the formal statement is provided, this request will be complete. (Under separate cover, the Review Board is sending to you an additional request for information and records, CIA-17, which provides a list of names that we request you check against the Interagency Source Register.)

**CIA-11 Sylvia Duran materials.**

CIA reports that it has exhausted its reasonable leads for pursuing additional information. CIA has agreed to provide a formal letter for the record detailing what searches were done and confirming that the responsive document currently in the JFK collection is a true copy of the original letter. Once this formal statement is provided, this request will be complete.

**CIA-12 JMWAVE and David Sanchez Morales.**

On May 22, 1996, the Review Board requested access to "all 201 files, personnel files, Office of Security files, P-files, or any other files" relating to five persons allegedly connected to JMWAVE. It is our understanding that, in response to this request, several months ago CIA located and made available for our review many records responsive to this request. However, it is also our understanding

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<sup>5</sup>They include:

*Intelligence Report* (11/22/63; 11/23/63; 11/24/63; 11/26/63; 11/27/63; 12/11/63; 12/13/63; 12/18/63; and 12/20/63).

*Intelligence Memorandum* (11/23/63; 11/24/63; 11/25/63; 11/25/63; 4/20/64; and 10/16/64).

*President's Intelligence Checklist* (11/23/63; 11/24/63; 11/25/63; 11/26/63; 11/27/63; 11/28/63; and 11/30/63).

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that all of the records provided were located in the Sequestered Collection.

As stated in the second paragraph at the beginning of this letter, we seek to review the original files that we have requested. The DO provided no response and no time frame for a response.

**CIA-13 Mexico City Backchannel Communications.**

This request, dated November 1, 1996, was raised at the DO follow-up briefing on April 1, 1997. The DO provided no response and no time frame for a response.

**CIA-14 Mexico City Station Annual Reports.**

This request, dated December 23, 1996, was raised at the DO follow-up briefing on April 1, 1997. The DO provided no response and no time frame for a response.

**CIA-15 Win Scott files identified in Russ Holmes Files.**

CIA has completed its response and no further action is needed.

**\*\*CIA-16 Oswald Pre-Assassination Files.**

The HRG reportedly received a lengthy answer from the Office of Security on the LHO files and a formal response to the Review Board's request is in process. Oswald's Office of Security file has been located and will be delivered to HRG for review in April. Access to other files will require a special request from HRG to the Office of Security and should be requested by HRG for ARRB staff review.

**II. Informal Requests.**

All of the following informal requests have previously been made to CIA. For future reference, they will be referred to by the "Informal Request" (IR) number provided below.

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**\*\*CIA-IR-01 Personnel assigned to post from 1959-64 (see RIF 104-10065-10199).**

This request, originally made in November 1996, was raised at the DO follow-up briefing on April 1, 1997. It is our understanding that the DO believes that it is not able to answer this request. The ARRB staff does not find DO's response to be credible. We believe that with all of the resources at the Agency's disposal -- including ready contact with individuals who should be able to answer this question from memory -- this question can be answered.<sup>6</sup> The ARRB staff has provided suggestions as to how this information could be obtained, including suggesting the types of files and cables that could be searched.

**CIA-IR-02 Location of cable identified in JFK 1993.07.20.10.18:29:650630.**

The cable was delivered to the Review Board on March 20, 1997. No further action by CIA is needed.

**CIA-IR-03 Full computer search for list of documents in HTLINGUAL file.**

CIA should undertake a computer run for all HTLINGUAL documents. All computer searches for these documents should be documented in a formal letter for the record.

**CIA-IR-04 Disposition of Angleton's files.**

The Review Board seeks to ensure that it has taken all reasonable steps to account for any files that James Jesus Angleton possessed or controlled that related to the assassination and to Lee Harvey Oswald. Because of the perceived controversy surrounding the disposition of Angleton's files, the Review Board believes it prudent to obtain a clear understanding of the types of files that he maintained and their ultimate disposition. (The Review Board does not seek to explore any subjects in Angleton's files beyond those that may have pertained to the assassination.) To date, CIA has made available certain documents provided by the CIC and the case files for *Mangold v. CIA*. The Review Board requests any additional information in the possession of CIA that would explain the disposition of Angleton's files.

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<sup>6</sup>The ARRB staff has spoken with a retired CIA official who claims to be able to answer this question from memory, but who refused to do so.

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**CIA-IR-05 Possible foreign source for records on Oswald.**

CIA was informally requested, more than two years ago, to use its contacts to pursue certain records related to Oswald that were orally described to CIA. The Review Board believed that, for reasons of security classification of information, it would be appropriate for CIA to make the initial inquiries rather than the Review Board. Under separate cover, we are providing documentation of the action the Review Board has taken to further this request.

**\*\*CIA-IR-06 QKENCHANT.**

The Review Board seeks information regarding the purpose of QKENCHANT and its connection with Clay Shaw, Howard Hunt, and Monroe Sullivan.

The Review Board was initially provided some information in regard to this request that now appears to be incorrect. CIA is now seeking additional information to correct or to clarify its previous answers. The Review Board seeks an immediate, full, and accurate response to this request.

**CIA-IR-07 Claude Barnes Capehart.**

The ARRB staff has reviewed all records that CIA has been able to locate to date. During the course of this review, additional questions were raised that you agreed to pursue. You also agreed to conduct additional searches to determine whether there may be additional retrievable records on Mr. Capehart.

**CIA-IR-08 Unredacted copy of the "Family Jewels" memoranda.**

HRG will locate this item.

**CIA-IR-09 George Bush computer search.**

The Review Board provided CIA with a copy of an FBI document, dated November 29, 1963, prepared under the name of John Edgar Hoover, which states: "The substance of the foregoing information [on the assassination of President Kennedy] was orally furnished to Mr. George Bush of the Central Intelligence Agency . . . ." We have been informed that the DO has no record of a "George Bush" being in the employ of CIA in 1963 with the exception of Mr. George William Bush who has already given a sworn affidavit that he is not the

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#### CIA-IR-10 IG Reports.

CIA will determine whether the IG's office maintains an index or inventory of its reports and determine whether the IG's office prepared a report on the handling of Oswald.

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We are asking that CIA determine whether it possesses any files or records on Warren Commission critics Edward J. Epstein, Josiah Thompson, Mark Lane, Harold Weisberg, or Sylvia Meagher. The Review Board is not requesting information *per se* regarding any FOIA requests by these individuals or any Public Affairs news clippings.<sup>7</sup>

#### CIA-IR-12 Contacts with journalists or publishing houses.

The Review Board seeks to determine to what extent, if any, CIA might have attempted to influence any journalists or publishers regarding public discussion of the assassination. This request, originally discussed in March 1997, was raised at the DO follow-up briefing on April 1, 1997. The DO had no response and no time frame for a response.

#### CIA-IR-13 Office or person dealing with organized crime and Cuba.

The Review Board requested that CIA make a particular personnel file available. The file was made available by CIA for review. The Review Board will discuss with you whether any further steps need to be taken.

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<sup>7</sup>To the extent that CIA possesses FOIA files or records on any of these individuals, and to the extent that those records contain information that was not filed with the courts, such records *are being requested for review by the Review Board*.

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CIA-IR-14 Breckinridge files.

CIA (OGC) will determine the disposition of the files of Scott D. Breckinridge.

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The Review Board has for some time been attempting to determine whether it has had access to all of CIA's surveillance "take" from the Cuban and Soviet facilities in Mexico City at the time of the Oswald visit and in the immediate wake of the assassination. On numerous occasions, the Review Board has asked whether there was any surveillance take in addition to what is currently in the collection.

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CIA-IR-16 U-2 files.

DS&T will provide a folder title print out of U-2 materials for Review Board examination, check for records filed under Richard Bissell's name, and search for OSP files. DS&T has also contacted Lockheed for assistance.

CIA-IR-17 DS&T Records on Castro assassination plots.

HRG will furnish the 1967 IG Report to provide possible search query suggestions for DS&T follow-up.

CIA-IR-18 DO Office.

The Review Board has requested orally information about a particular DO office. We understand that you are collecting the relevant information.

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**CIA-IR-19 Computer searches.**

The Review Board has requested that full computer searches be conducted on all of the following people and organizations. The results of the searches should be documented.

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2. Leo Cherne	ARRB awaits documentation. OP file starts in 1988. HRG is checking on a 201. No OMS file.
3. Hunter Leake	ARRB awaits documentation. HRG is checking for a DCD file.
4. Marilyn Dutz Murret	ARRB awaits documentation.
5. John McVickar	ARRB awaits documentation. No OP file. No OMS file. DO is checking.
6. Andy Anderson	ARRB awaits documentation.
7. Byron B. Morton, Jr.	ARRB awaits documentation. No OP file. No OMS file.
8. Marie Cheatham	ARRB awaits documentation. No OP file. No OMS file.
9. Paul Garbler	ARRB awaits documentation. OP file. OMS file. HRG has requested personnel file.
10. Verna Deane Brown	ARRB awaits documentation. No OP file.
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12. Howard Guebler	ARRB awaits documentation. HRG will check for files.
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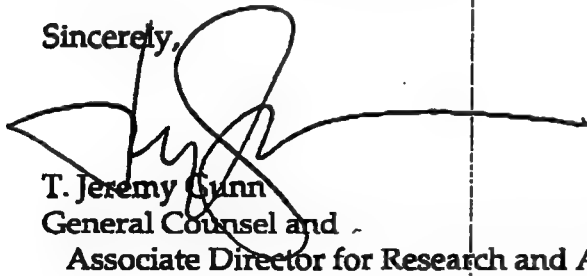


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Please let me know if you have any supplements or corrections. We would very much like to ensure that these matters are handled expeditiously. As always, we appreciate your cooperation and assistance.

Sincerely,



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General Counsel and  
Associate Director for Research and Analysis

cc: Linda Cipriani, Esq.



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Re: Status of CIA Responses to Assassination Records Review Board's Requests for Additional Information and Records

Dear John:

I am writing to follow-up on our telephone call earlier today and to convey my serious concern about the status of CIA's responses to the Review Board's requests for additional information and records. Although CIA has completed its responses to several requests, and many others have been answered in part, a significant number of requests have not been answered — including some that were made more than two years ago. On many occasions we have been assured that responses would be forthcoming, only to have promised dates come and go without answers. It is now extremely important that these requests be answered promptly so that we may conduct a proper follow-up if necessary. The issues that we can now identify as being of the highest priority are identified in the text below by double asterisks (\*\*)<sup>1</sup> and we request that they be answered within the next month. We request that the remaining requests be answered by April 1, 1998.

The remainder of this letter is divided into two parts: first, a listing of the formal requests for information and records, and second, a listing of the informal requests for information and records. Please let me know if your understanding of any of the following points differs from ours so that we can resolve any potential discrepancies.

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<sup>1</sup>As identified more fully below, the issues are: CIA-1 Organizational Material, CIA-6 Cables and Dispatches, CIA-13 Backchannel Communications, CIA-IR-03 HTLINGUAL Documents, CIA-IR-04 Disposition of Angleton Files, CIA-IR-07 Claude Barnes Capehart, CIA-IR-15 Electronic "take" from Mexico City, CIA-IR-21 DRE Monthly Operational Reports, CIA-IR-22 "A" Files on Clay Shaw and Jim Garrison.

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### *Formal Requests*

#### **\*\*CIA-1 Organizational Material.**

CIA promptly collected a great deal of information responsive to this request and made it available for inspection.

*Gray:*  
copy of  
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On January 7, 1997, the ARRB staff identified a number of these records that should enhance the historical understanding of the assassination by providing background information on CIA records. CIA was to have reviewed the DO and DS&T organizational material during the spring and summer of 1997 to re-examine some of the proposed redactions. Several documents have been cleared by the directorate IRO's for either release in full or release with minor redactions. These are:

*Michelle:*  
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#### **DCI**

- Organization of the Office of the Director 1963
- Mission Statements for 1959, 1962, 1965, and 1966
- some Office of the Director notices
- OGC and IG Mission Statements for 1964, 1966, 1969, 1975, and 1976
- OLC Mission Statement for 1975 and 1976

#### **DI**

*open in full*

- Organization and Functions of the DI pre-1961 ✓
- Organizational Charts for 1961, 1964, and 1969
- Mission Statements for 1961, 1963, 1964, 1966, and 1970

*Not '64*  
*NO '64*

#### **DA**

- Mission Statements 1957, 1958, 1960, 1963, and 1974
- Organizational Chart 1958, 1960, 1961, 1962, 1964, and 1966
- Office of Security Organizational Charts for 1956, 1958, 1962, 1963, 1966, 1967, 1969, and 1975
- Office of Security Mission Statements for 1958, 1962, 1963, 1966, 1969, and 1975

*see note to the director*

The ARRB staff is willing to consult with CIA as soon as the records are ready to determine whether they should be designated "assassination records" or whether they can be made available publicly in a manner similar to the material from the 1996 Boston trip. CIA should be aware, however, that these materials

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will be presented to the Board at its January meeting. Accordingly, these materials must be ready for the Review Board staff by January 12, 1998.

#### CIA-2 through CIA-5.

These requests have been completed and no further action is needed by CIA.

#### ~~\*\*CIA-6 Cables and Dispatches.~~

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The Review Board first made this request on September 11, 1995. On September 11, 1995, CIA agreed to make these materials available by December 1995. On October 1, 1996, CIA agreed to make these materials available by November 1996. Most recently, CIA has stated that these cables are not available as a chronological group; if it is not possible or is unduly burdensome to retrieve these cables, CIA should write a memorandum to that effect.

We are aware that many of the cables requested are already in the JFK files, but not all are included. Those that we have not been able to locate in the collection include: Mexico City Station to Headquarters (September 26-30, 1963); Headquarters to Mexico City Station (September 26-30, 1963); JMWAVE to Headquarters (September 26-November 21, 1963); Headquarters to JMWAVE (September 26-November 21, 1963); and all traffic between the Mexico City Station and JMWAVE for the periods September 26-October 20, 1963 and November 22-December 30, 1963.

#### CIA-7 Histories.

The Review Board first requested access to several internal CIA histories and to indices of histories on November 8, 1995. On August 8, 1996, after reviewing a list of histories that CIA provided, the ARRB staff designated approximately sixty histories for which further review was sought. To date, the ARRB staff has reviewed twelve histories that CIA has made available and has made suggestions with respect to further processing of some of those histories. The ARRB staff appreciates the cooperation it has received from HRG in our review of the histories. CIA should continue to make the remaining histories available on a continuing basis in consultation with the ARRB.

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#### CIA-8 Intelligence Community Staff Records.

The Review Board first requested information on the Intelligence Community Staff on March 1, 1996. On October 1, 1996, CIA agreed to report on the status of this request within two weeks. While we understand that this request turned out to be more difficult and complicated than originally envisioned, the Review Board has not yet received any substantive response.

#### CIA-9 Intelligence Community Publications on Cuba or USSR (November 20-30, 1963).

The LBJ Library has identified several publications for mandatory review.<sup>2</sup> The DI has provided additional documents which were requested. Michelle Combs reviewed the materials and identified some that should be made available to the public. No further DI tasking is anticipated on this request.

#### ✓ CIA-10 Interagency Source Register.

*Confidential response*

CIA has provided a full description of the ISR, which should now be submitted as a formal response to the Review Board's request. Once the formal statement is provided, this request will be complete. (Under separate cover, the Review Board provided an additional request for information and records, CIA-17-Draft, which provided a list of names that we requested CIA check against the Interagency Source Register. Several files were requested from this search. Additional biographical material to narrow the search on several names will be provided by the ARRB staff.)

#### CIA-11 Sylvia Duran Materials.

This request is complete.

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<sup>2</sup>They include:

*Intelligence Report* (11/22/63; 11/23/63; 11/24/63; 11/26/63; 11/27/63; 12/11/63; 12/13/63; 12/18/63; and 12/20/63).

*Intelligence Memorandum* (11/23/63; 11/24/63; 11/25/63; 11/25/63; 4/20/64; and 10/16/64).

*President's Intelligence Checklist* (11/23/63; 11/24/63; 11/25/63; 11/26/63; 11/27/63; 11/28/63; and 11/30/63).

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**CIA-12 JMWAVE and David Sanchez Morales.**

On May 22, 1996, the Review Board requested access to "all 201 files, personnel files, Office of Security files, P-files, or any other files" relating to five persons allegedly connected to JMWAVE. In response to this request, CIA has provided numerous records which were located in the Sequestered Collection. Since that time CIA has provided the requested files on only one of the five individuals. We are still awaiting the files on Ted Shackley, Ron Cross, Bart Henry, and Doug Guppton.

✓ **\*CIA-13 Mexico City Backchannel Communications.** — need wcl

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This request, dated November 1, 1996, was raised at the DO follow-up briefing on April 1, 1997. An additional clarification question as to whether a "privacy" channel for sensitive communications existed during the period 1959-1964 was submitted on October 28, 1997. CIA has provided no response and no time frame for a response.

**\*\* CIA-14 Mexico City Station Annual Reports.**

This request, dated December 23, 1996, was raised at the DO follow-up briefing on April 1, 1997. CIA has provided no response and no time frame for a response.

**CIA-15 Win Scott Files Identified in Russ Holmes Files.**

This request is complete.

**CIA-16 Oswald Pre-Assassination Files.**

McCall  
Edwards

The ARRB has reviewed the Oswald file from the Office of Security and declared it to be an assassination record. Our understanding is that this file will be processed for review under the JFK Act. HRG reportedly received a lengthy answer from the Office of Security on the LHO files and a formal response to the Review Board's request is in process. Once the formal statement is provided, this request will be complete. ✓

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### *Informal Requests*

Each of the following informal requests was previously made to CIA. For future reference, they will be referred to by the "Informal Request" (IR) number provided below.

CIA-IR-01 Personnel Assigned to Post from 1959-64 (see RIF 104-10065-10199).

This request is complete.

CIA-IR-02 Location of Cable Identified in JFK 1993.07.20.10.18:29:650630.

This request is complete.

✓ \*\*CIA-IR-03 Full Computer Search for List of Documents in HTLINGUAL File.

CIA agreed to undertake a computer run for all HTLINGUAL documents in April 1997. To date, no response has been received by ARRB. All computer searches for these documents should be documented in a formal letter for the record.

*Barry*

→ \*\*CIA-IR-04 Disposition of Angleton's Files.

The Review Board seeks to ensure that it has taken all reasonable steps to account for any files that James Jesus Angleton possessed or controlled that related to the assassination and to Lee Harvey Oswald. Because of the perceived controversy surrounding the disposition of Angleton's files, the Review Board believes it prudent to obtain a clear understanding of the types of files that he maintained and their ultimate disposition. (The Review Board does not seek to explore any subjects in Angleton's files beyond those that may have pertained to the assassination.) To date, CIA has made available certain documents provided by the CIC and the case files for *Mangold v. CIA*. The Review Board requests any additional information in the possession of CIA that would explain the disposition of Angleton's files.

*Barry*

In addition, the ARRB staff's review of the *Mangold v. CIA* files designated additional documents from those files as assassination records. These documents are: Tab D, documents Nos. 95, 109-116, 120, and 121; and from the Denied

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Documents file: documents Nos. 496, 498, 499, 500, and 510. The Review Board is awaiting confirmation that these documents are at HRG for processing.

CIA-IR-05 Possible Foreign Source for Records on Oswald.

CIA was informally requested to use its contacts to pursue certain records related to Oswald that were orally described to CIA. The Review Board understands that the CIA has taken steps to pursue these records.

\* \* CIA-IR-06 QKENCHANT.

The Review Board seeks information regarding the purpose of QKENCHANT and its connection with Clay Shaw, Howard Hunt, and Monroe Sullivan.

The Review Board was initially provided some information in regard to this request that now appears to be incorrect. CIA is now seeking additional information to correct or to clarify its previous answers. The Review Board seeks an immediate, full, and accurate formal response to this request. Once the formal statement is provided, this request will be complete.

✓ \*\*CIA-IR-07 Claude Barnes Capehart.

The ARRB staff has reviewed all records that CIA has been able to locate to date. During the course of this review, additional questions were raised that CIA agreed to pursue. CIA also agreed to conduct additional searches to determine whether there may be additional retrievable records on Mr. Capehart. The Review Board seeks a full and accurate formal response to this request. Once the formal statement is provided, this request will be complete.

\* \* CIA-IR-08 Unredacted Copy of the "Family Jewels" Memoranda.

ARRB has reviewed a redacted version of the "Family Jewels." Additional questions have been raised. At meeting between HRG, ARRB and the DCI/IRO on December 11, 1997, specific redacted pages were identified for ARRB staff review. These pages should be made available as soon as possible.



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\* \* CIA-IR-09 George Bush Computer Search.

The Review Board provided CIA with a copy of an FBI document, dated November 29, 1963, prepared under the name of John Edgar Hoover, which states: "The substance of the foregoing information [on the assassination of President Kennedy] was orally furnished to Mr. George Bush of the Central Intelligence Agency . . . ." We have been informed that the DO has no record of a "George Bush" being in the employ of CIA in 1963 with the exception of Mr. George William Bush who has already given a sworn affidavit that he is not the "George Bush" in question. It is our understanding that the CIA has confirmed that the search query included George Herbert Walker Bush prior to 1970. CIA should determine whether George Herbert Walker Bush is the person to whom the memorandum refers and should provide a definitive statement regarding the scope of its search and the basis of its conclusion. Any and all personnel files of George Herbert Walker Bush should be reviewed to determine whether he had any affiliation with CIA during the 1963 period. Once the formal statement is provided, this request will be complete.

CIA-IR-10 IG Reports.

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*Michelle*  
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#### CIA-IR-17 DS&T Records on Castro Assassination Plots.

*Done  
12/18/97* The DS&T records should be searched for any records on Castro assassination plots. The Review Board will provide possible search query suggestions from the 1967 IG Report.

#### CIA-IR-18 DO Office.

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Cowan* The Review Board has requested orally information about a particular DO office. Since January 1997, CIA has had no response and no time frame for a response.

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CIA-IR-20 Monster Plot.

This request is complete.

✓ CIA-IR-21 Monthly Operational Reports for DRE.

*CIA officer  
& personnel*

In March 1997, the Review Board requested that the CIA search for monthly operational reports for the Cuban exile group Directorio Revolucionario Estudiantil (DRE) records for the period 1960-1964 with particular emphasis on the reports for August and November 1963. While some of the reports for this period already exist in the JFK Collection, others, including the reports for December 1962-April 1964, are missing. We understand that the CIA has done some research on the missing reports. We request a comprehensive memo on the creation and disposition of DRE records be provided for the Board. In addition, we request that the CIA work to discover the identity of "Howard," the CIA officer mentioned in the DRE files. We request his full name and Office of Personnel file be provided to the Board.

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✓ **\*\*CIA-IR-22 "A" File on Clay Shaw and Jim Garrison.**

In July 1997, the ARRB staff was shown an "A" file on Clay Shaw which predated a 201 file. We were also told that an "A" file on Jim Garrison also existed. The Shaw file was declared to be an assassination record and it was our understanding that both files were to be sent to HRG for processing. We have not yet received confirmation from HRG that the files are in process as assassination records.

**CIA-IR-23 Watch Committee Files.**

*Michelle to review*  
In his memoirs, George Ball reports that upon first hearing of the shots in Dallas he called DCI John McCone and asked him to activate the Watch Committee. McCone replied that he already had. The Review Board requests the files of the Watch Committee for the period January 1963-May 1964.

**CIA-IR-24 Defector File.**

*Michelle*  
The ARRB staff has identified documents on Lee Harvey Oswald from the Office of Security's "Defector File." It is our understanding that these documents are now being processed as assassination records. No further tasking on this subject is anticipated.

**CIA-IR-25 Zapruder Film.**

*Garry*  
The Board has requested any and all records, not previously located in the Sequestered Collection, on any handling by the CIA of the Zapruder film. In particular, we are interested in any records of NPIC's handling of the Zapruder film or copies of the Zapruder film in November and December 1963. Any log books or indexes which would indicate the individuals involved in the processing and handling of any assassination films should be included in this request. *how log*

**CIA-IR-26 Jordan James Pfuntner.**

*\* Short \**  
[ *5 - a record*  
*Only records indicated source of other agency.* ]  
The Review Board requested that a complete search for any records on this individual be undertaken, including a search of the Interagency Source Register. The ARRB staff provided HRG with additional identification data on this individual. The Review Board seeks a full and accurate formal response to this

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request. Once the formal statement documenting this search and its results is provided, this request will be complete.

**\* \* \*** CIA-IR-27 Security Files for Five Individuals.

The ARRB staff has reviewed Office of Security files for Richard Case Nagel, Gordon Novel, Jack Ruby, Harold Weisburg, and Walter Sheridan. The entire files for Gordon Novel, Jack Ruby, and Richard Case Nagel have been designated assassination records. Portions of the files for Harold Weisberg and Walter Sheridan will be designated assassination records. The Novel, Ruby, and Nagel files should be sent to HRG for processing. The Weisberg and Sheridan files should be sent to HRG for ARRB review.

CIA-IR-28 McCone Files.

*in process*  
In August 1997, the ARRB staff reviewed an index for the files of former DCI John McCone and identified some files to be reviewed for assassination records. A meeting should be set up to examine these files.

CIA-IR-29 Oswald Lewinter.

*Michelle*  
In November 1997, CIA provided a preliminary oral response to whether it has files on Mr. Oswald Lewinter. CIA should document its findings in writing. Once formal documentation of the completed searches has been provided, the request is complete.

CIA-IR-30 Cherepanov Papers.

*JBH*  
In the fall of 1963, Paul Garbler, Chief of Station Moscow, copied a series of KGB papers from the American Department of the KGB's Second Directorate which had arrived at the embassy from Aleksandr Cherepanov. The Review Board requests to review these papers.

CIA-IR-31 Dulles Calendar.

*JBH*  
In testimony before the Church Committee on May 4, 1977, Richard Bissell made reference to the existence of a calendar for former DCI Allen Dulles which would reflect all of Dulles' meetings. The Review Board requests the Dulles calendar for January 1959 through his resignation as DCI on November 29, 1961.

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~~\*\*\*~~ CIA-IR-32 AMWORLD.


The Review Board seeks information regarding the purpose of AMWORLD and its connection with the Cuban exile groups.

The Review Board has been provided some information in regard to this request that appears to be incomplete. The CIA is now seeking additional information to correct or to clarify its previous answers. The Review Board seeks an immediate, full, and accurate formal response to this request. Once the formal statement is provided, this request will be complete

*Conclusion*

Please let me know if you have any supplements or corrections to the lists above. We would very much like to ensure that these matters are handled expeditiously. As always, we appreciate your cooperation and assistance.

Sincerely,



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Executive Director

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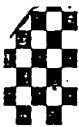
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## COMMENTS:

Barry, I will be back in the office later this afternoon if you have any comments.

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Re: Status of CIA Responses to Assassination Records Review Board's Requests for  
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double asterisks (\*\*).<sup>1</sup> Some previously identified priority requests remain in progress and also continue to be identified by double asterisks. Please note that all ARRB requests for additional information, both formal and informal, are scheduled to be completed by April 1, 1998.

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*Intelligence Memorandum* (11/23/63; 11/24/63; 11/25/63; 11/25/63; 4/20/64; and 10/16/64).

*President's Intelligence Checklist* (11/23/63; 11/24/63; 11/25/63; 11/26/63; 11/27/63; 11/28/63; and 11/30/63).



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***Informal Requests***

Each of the following informal requests was previously made to CIA. For reference, they will be referred to by the "Informal Request" (IR) number provided below.

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CIA-IR-01 Personnel Assigned to Post from 1959-64 (*see* RIF 104-10065-10199).

This request is complete.

CIA-IR-02 Location of Cable Identified in JFK 1993.07.20.10.18:29:650630.

This request is complete.

**\*\*CIA-IR-03 Full Computer Search for List of Documents in HTLINGUAL File.**

CIA agreed to undertake a computer run for all HTLINGUAL documents in April 1997. The ARRB understands that an initial response from the Directorate of Operations has been received by HRP but that responses from other CIA entities are incomplete. All computer searches for these documents should be documented in a formal letter for the record.

**\*\*CIA-IR-04 Disposition of Angleton's Files.**

The Review Board seeks to ensure that it has taken all reasonable steps to account for any files that James Jesus Angleton possessed or controlled that related to the assassination and to Lee Harvey Oswald. Because of the perceived controversy surrounding the disposition of Angleton's files, the Review Board believes it prudent to obtain a clear understanding of the types of files that he maintained and their ultimate disposition. (The Review Board does not seek to explore any subjects in Angleton's files beyond those that may have pertained to the assassination.) To date, CIA has made available certain documents provided by the CIC and the case files for *Mangold v. CIA*. The Review Board requests any additional information in the possession of CIA that would explain the disposition of Angleton's files.

In addition, the ARRB staff's review of the *Mangold v. CIA* files designated additional documents from those files as assassination records. These documents are: Tab D, documents Nos. 95, 109-116, 120, and 121; and from the Denied Documents file: documents Nos. 496, 498, 499, 500, and 510. ARRB has now received confirmation that these documents are either already in the Sequestered Collection or have been marked for processing.

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**CIA-IR-05 Possible Foreign Source for Records on Oswald.**

CIA was informally requested to use its contacts to pursue certain records related to Oswald that were orally described to CIA. The Review Board understands that the CIA has taken steps to pursue these records. An update on this request was provided in January 1998.

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The Review Board seeks information regarding the purpose of QKENCHANT and its connection with Clay Shaw, Howard Hunt, and Monroe Sullivan.

The Review Board was initially provided some information in regard to this request that now appears to be incorrect. CIA is now seeking additional information to correct or to clarify its previous answers. The Review Board seeks an immediate, full, and accurate response to this request. Once the formal statement is provided, this request will be complete.

**\*\*CIA-IR-07 Claude Barnes Capehart.**

The ARRB staff has reviewed all records that CIA has been able to locate to date. CIA has conducted the additional searches requested by ARRB. The Review Board seeks a full and accurate response to this request. Once the formal statement is provided, this request will be complete.

**CIA-IR-08 Unredacted Copy of the "Family Jewels" Memoranda.**

At meeting between HRG, ARRB and the DCI/IRO on December 11, 1997, specific redacted pages were identified for ARRB staff review. These pages should be made available as soon as possible.

**\*\*CIA-IR-09 George Bush Computer Search.**

The Review Board provided CIA with a copy of an FBI document, dated November 29, 1963, prepared under the name of John Edgar Hoover, which states: "The substance of the foregoing information [on the assassination of President Kennedy] was orally furnished to Mr. George Bush of the Central Intelligence Agency . . . ." We have been informed that the DO has no record of a "George Bush" being in the employ of CIA in 1963 with the exception of

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Mr. George William Bush who has already given a sworn affidavit that he is not the "George Bush" in question. It is our understanding that the CIA has confirmed that the search query included George Herbert Walker Bush prior to 1970. CIA should determine whether George Herbert Walker Bush is the person to whom the memorandum refers and should provide a definitive statement regarding the scope of its search and the basis of its conclusion. Any and all personnel files of George Herbert Walker Bush should be reviewed to determine whether he had any affiliation with CIA during the 1963 period. Once the formal statement is provided, this request will be complete.

**CIA-IR-10 IG Reports.**

CIA will determine whether the IG's office maintains an index or inventory of its reports and determine whether the IG's office prepared a report on the handling of Oswald. Since April 1997, CIA has had no response and no time frame for a response.

**\*\*CIA-IR-11 Warren Commission Critics.**

We are asking that CIA determine whether it possesses any files or records on Warren Commission critics Edward J. Epstein, Josiah Thompson, Mark Lane, Harold Weisberg, or Sylvia Meagher. The Review Board is not requesting information *per se* regarding any FOIA requests by these individuals or any Public Affairs news clippings.<sup>3</sup> Since April 1997, CIA has had no response and no time frame for a response.

**CIA-IR-12 Contacts with Journalists or Publishing Houses.**

The Review Board seeks to determine to what extent, if any, CIA might have attempted to influence any journalists or publishers regarding public discussion of the assassination. This request, originally discussed in March 1997, was raised at the DO follow-up briefing on April 1, 1997. CIA has had no response and no time frame for a response.

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<sup>3</sup>To the extent that CIA possesses FOIA files or records on any of these individuals, and to the extent that those records contain information that was not filed with the courts, such records *are being requested for review by the Review Board.*

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**CIA-IR-13 Office or Person Dealing with Organized Crime and Cuba.**

The Review Board requested that CIA make a particular personnel file available. The file was made available by CIA for review. The Review Board seeks a full and accurate formal response to this request detailing any and all searches made and the results of those searches. Once a formal statement is provided, this request will be complete.

**CIA-IR-14 Breckinridge Files.**

CIA (OGC) will determine the disposition of the files of Scott D. Breckinridge. CIA has had no response and no time frame for a response.

**\*\*CIA-IR-15 Electronic "take" from Mexico City Station.**

The Review Board has for some time been attempting to determine whether it has had access to all of CIA's surveillance "take" from the Cuban and Soviet facilities in Mexico City at the time of the Oswald visit and in the immediate wake of the assassination. On numerous occasions, the Review Board has asked whether there was any surveillance take in addition to what is currently in the collection.

On March 18, 1997, the Review Board provided additional leads to CIA to assist it in answering these questions. The DO has agreed to check Headquarters records for the file referenced in HMMW 12454, to search for the crypts cited in this document, and to search for HMMA 20307 and other cables or dispatches cited in this document.

CIA has provided a partial response to this request and additional specific questions have been conveyed to HRP by the Review Board. In addition, the Board is still awaiting a response on the present location of Staff D records. Regardless of the outcome of these particular searches, the Review Board continues to seek a full accounting for all surveillance conducted during the relevant time periods.

**CIA-IR-16 U-2 Files.**

DS&T has provided a folder title printout of U-2 materials for Review Board examination and has checked for records filed under Richard Bissell's name. The

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Review Board staff continues to review these indexes. In addition, a new index has been provided to the Review Board for examination. The DS&T should continue to search for OSP files.

#### **CIA-IR-17 DS&T Records on Castro Assassination Plots.**

A response has been received from CIA. This request is now complete.

#### **\*\*CIA-IR-18 DO Office.**

The Review Board has requested orally information about a particular DO office. Since January 1997, CIA has had no response and no time frame for a response.

#### **CIA-IR-19 Computer Searches.**

The Review Board has requested that full computer searches be conducted on all of the following people and organizations. The results of the searches should be documented. Once formal documentation of the completed searches has been provided, the request is complete.

<b>Name</b>	<b>Results/Comments</b>
1. Spas Raikin	This request is complete.
2. Leo Cherne	ARRB awaits documentation.
3. Hunter Leake	ARRB awaits documentation. HRG is checking for a DCD file.
4. Marilyn Dutz Murret	This request is complete.
5. John McVickar	ARRB awaits documentation.
6. Andy Anderson	ARRB awaits documentation.
7. Byron B. Morton, Jr.	ARRB awaits documentation.
8. Marie Cheatham	ARRB awaits documentation.
9. Paul Garbler	ARRB awaits documentation.
10. Verna Deane Brown	ARRB awaits documentation.
11. George Stanley Brown	ARRB awaits documentation.

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<b>Name</b>	<b>Result/Comments</b>
12. Howard Guebler	ARRB awaits documentation. HRG will check for files.
13. Gordon Duane Novel	ARRB awaits documentation. HRG will check for files.
14. Ed Butler	ARRB awaits documentation. HRG will check for files.
15. INCA (Information Council of the Americas)	ARRB awaits documentation. HRG will check for files.
16. Permindex	ARRB awaits documentation. HRG will check for files.

**CIA-IR-20 Monster Plot.**

This request is complete.

**\*\*CIA-IR-21 Monthly Operational Reports for DRE.**

In March 1997, the Review Board requested that the CIA search for monthly operational reports for the Cuban exile group Directorio Revolucionario Estudiantil (DRE) records for the period 1960-1964 with particular emphasis on the reports for August and November 1963. The CIA has provided a partial response to this request on the issue of the DRE reports for December 1962-1964 and the identity of the "Howard" mentioned in the DRE records.

The Review Board still requests that the identity and Office of Personnel file of the case officer responsible for the DRE during the December 1962 to April 1964 time period be made available for Board review.

**\*\*CIA-IR-22 "A" File on Clay Shaw and Jim Garrison.**

The Shaw and Garrison files have been declared assassination records. Copies of both files have been marked for processing. This request is complete.

**CIA-IR-23 Watch Committee Files.**

In response to this request, CIA has provided eight Watch Committee reports for Board staff review. Portions of six of these reports have been identified as relevant and marked for processing as assassination records. The CIA should

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submit a response documenting its searches for relevant material. Once this statement is received by the Review Board, this request is complete.

**CIA-IR-24 Defector File.**

This request is complete.

**CIA-IR-25 Zapruder Film.**

CIA has provided a partial oral response to this request. There is no record of a "William Green" at NPIC in November 1963 and CIA has been unable to locate any log books or indexes from the period still in existence. It is the Board's understanding that CIA is still completing its search of NPIC records. When complete, CIA should document its searches in a final response.

**CIA-IR-26 Jordan James Pfuntner.**

A response has been received from CIA. This request is complete.

**\*\*CIA-IR-27 Security Files for Five Individuals.**

The ARRB staff has reviewed Office of Security files for Richard Case Nagel, Gordon Novel, Jack Ruby, Harold Weisburg, and Walter Sheridan. The entire files for Gordon Novel, Jack Ruby, and Richard Case Nagel have been designated assassination records. Portions of the files for Harold Weisberg and Walter Sheridan will be designated assassination records. The Novel, Ruby, and Nagel files should be sent to HRP for processing. The Weisberg and Sheridan files should be sent to HRP for ARRB review.

**CIA-IR-28 McCone Files.**

In August 1997, the ARRB staff reviewed an index for the files of former DCI John McCone and identified some files to be reviewed for assassination records. A meeting should be set up to examine these files.

**CIA-IR-29 Oswald Lewinter.**

This request is complete.



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**CIA-IR-30 Cherepanov Papers.**

In the fall of 1963, Paul Garbler, Chief of Station Moscow, copied a series of KGB papers from the American Department of the KGB's Second Directorate which had arrived at the embassy from Aleksandr Cherepanov. The Review Board requests to review these papers.

**CIA-IR-31 Dulles Calendar.**

In testimony before the Church Committee on May 4, 1977, Richard Bissell made reference to the existence of a calendar for former DCI Allen W. Dulles which would reflect all of Dulles' meetings. The Review Board requests the Dulles calendar for January 1959 through his resignation as DCI on November 29, 1961.

**\*\*CIA-IR-32 AMWORLD.**

The Review Board seeks information regarding the purpose of AMWORLD and its connection with the Cuban exile groups.

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On February 1, 1998 CIA provided an oral response to this request indicating that all FBIS material is unclassified and in the public domain and that FBIS has no past or current file on Lee Harvey Oswald or the Kennedy assassination. The

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**CIA-IR-34 Files of CIA Officials and/or Offices**

The Review Board requests the office files of the individuals occupying the following positions during the period 1959-1964:

files of the Office of the Deputy Director of Central Intelligence, 1959-1964.

General Charles Cabell 1953-1962

General Marshall Carter 1962-1965

files of the Office of the Deputy Director for Plans, 1959-1964.

Richard Bissell 1958-1962

Richard Helms 1962-1965

the Chronological files of C. Tracy Barnes 1959-1964.

Office of the General Counsel, Lawrence Houston 1959-1964.

Operational Diaries of William Harvey 1962-1963.

ANYONE ELSE???? Maybe Colby as DDO and DCI or Helms as DCI??

**Conclusion**

Please let me know if you have any supplements or corrections to the lists above. We would very much like to ensure that these matters are handled expeditiously. As always, we appreciate your cooperation and assistance.

Sincerely,

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Executive Director

cc: Assassination Records Review Board  
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Each of the following informal requests was previously made to CIA. For reference, they will be referred to by the "Informal Request" (IR) number provided below.

**CIA-IR-01 Personnel Assigned to Post from 1959-64 (see RIF 104-10065-10199).**

This request is complete.

**CIA-IR-02 Location of Cable Identified in JFK 1993.07.20.10.18:29:650630.**

This request is complete.

**CIA-IR-03 Full Computer Search for List of Documents in HTLINGUAL File.**

CIA agreed to undertake a computer run for all HTLINGUAL documents in April 1997. The ARRB understands that an initial response from the Directorate of Operations has been received by HRP but that responses from other CIA entities are incomplete. All computer searches for these documents should be documented in a written response for the record.

**CIA-IR-04 Disposition of Angleton's Files.**

The Review Board seeks to ensure that it has taken all reasonable steps to account for any files that James Jesus Angleton possessed or controlled that related to the assassination and to Lee Harvey Oswald. Because of the perceived controversy surrounding the disposition of Angleton's files, the Review Board believes it prudent to obtain a clear understanding of the types of files that he maintained and their ultimate disposition. (The Review Board does not seek to explore any subjects in Angleton's files beyond those that may have pertained to

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the assassination.) To date, CIA has made available certain documents provided by the CIC and the case files for *Mangold v. CIA*. The Review Board requests any additional information in the possession of CIA that would explain the disposition of Angleton's files.

In addition, the ARRB staff's review of the *Mangold v. CIA* files designated additional documents from those files as assassination records. These documents are: Tab D, documents Nos. 95, 109-116, 120, and 121; and from the Denied Documents file: documents Nos. 496, 498, 499, 500, and 510. ARRB has now received confirmation that these documents are either already in the Sequestered Collection or have been marked for processing.

#### **CIA-IR-05 Possible Foreign Source for Records on Oswald.**

CIA was informally requested to use its contacts to pursue certain records related to Oswald that were orally described to CIA. The Review Board understands that the CIA has taken steps to pursue these records. An update on this request was provided in February 1998.

#### **CIA-IR-06 QKENCHANT.**

The Review Board seeks information regarding the purpose of QKENCHANT and its connection with Clay Shaw, Howard Hunt, and Monroe Sullivan.

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#### **CIA-IR-07 Claude Barnes Capehart.**

CIA's response has been received. This request is now complete.

#### **CIA-IR-08 Unredacted Copy of the "Family Jewels" Memoranda.**

At meeting between HRP, ARRB and the DCI/IRO on December 11, 1997, specific redacted pages were identified for ARRB staff review. These pages should be made available as soon as possible.

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CIA-IR-09 George Bush Computer Search.

The CIA's response to this request has been received. This request is now complete.

CIA-IR-10 IG Reports.

CIA will determine whether the IG's office maintains an index or inventory of its reports and determine whether the IG's office prepared a report on the handling of Oswald. Since April 1997, CIA has had no response and no time frame for a response.

CIA-IR-11 Warren Commission Critics.

We are asking that CIA determine whether it possesses any files or records on Warren Commission critics Edward J. Epstein, Josiah Thompson, Mark Lane, Harold Weisberg, or Sylvia Meagher. The Review Board is not requesting information *per se* regarding any FOIA requests by these individuals or any Public Affairs news clippings.<sup>1</sup> Since April 1997, CIA has had no response and no time frame for a response.

CIA-IR-12 Contacts with Journalists or Publishing Houses.

The Review Board seeks to determine to what extent, if any, CIA might have attempted to influence any journalists or publishers regarding public discussion of the assassination. This request, originally discussed in March 1997, was raised at the DO follow-up briefing on April 1, 1997. CIA has had no response and no time frame for a response.

CIA-IR-13 Office or Person Dealing with Organized Crime and Cuba.

The Review Board requested that CIA make a particular personnel file available. The file was made available by CIA for review. Documents in this file have been marked for processing as assassination records. The Review Board seeks confirmation that these documents have been placed in the review process. The

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<sup>1</sup>To the extent that CIA possesses FOIA files or records on any of these individuals, and to the extent that those records contain information that was not filed with the courts, such records *are being requested for review by the Review Board.*



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Review Board also seeks a full and accurate formal response to this request detailing any and all searches made and the results of those searches. As soon as CIA provides a written statement that the searches are complete and confirms that the identified documents are being processed, this request will be complete.

**CIA-IR-14 Breckinridge Files.**

CIA (OGC) will determine the disposition of the files of Scott D. Breckinridge. CIA has had no response and no time frame for a response.

**CIA-IR-15 Electronic "take" from Mexico City Station.**

The Review Board has for some time been attempting to determine whether it has had access to all of CIA's surveillance "take" from the Cuban and Soviet facilities in Mexico City at the time of the Oswald visit and in the immediate wake of the assassination. On numerous occasions, the Review Board has asked whether there was any surveillance take in addition to what is currently in the collection.

On March 18, 1997, the Review Board provided additional leads to CIA to assist it in answering these questions. The DO has agreed to check Headquarters records for the file referenced in HMMW 12454, to search for the crypts cited in this document, and to search for HMMA 20307 and other cables or dispatches cited in this document.

CIA has provided a partial response to this request and additional specific questions have been conveyed to HRP by the Review Board. In addition, the Board is still awaiting a response on the present location of Staff D records. Regardless of the outcome of these particular searches, the Review Board continues to seek a full accounting for all surveillance conducted during the relevant time periods.

**CIA-IR-16 U-2 Files.**

DS&T has provided a folder title printout of U-2 materials for Review Board examination and has checked for records filed under Richard Bissell's name. The Review Board staff continues to review these indexes. In addition, a new index has been provided to the Review Board for examination. The DS&T should continue to search for OSP files.

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**CIA-IR-17 DS&T Records on Castro Assassination Plots.**

A response has been received from CIA. This request is now complete.

**CIA-IR-18 DO Office.**

The Review Board has requested orally information about a particular DO office. Since January 1997, CIA has had no response and no time frame for a response.

**CIA-IR-19 Computer Searches.**

The Review Board has requested that full computer searches be conducted on all of the following people and organizations. The results of the searches should be documented. Once formal documentation of the completed searches has been provided, the request is complete.

Name	Results / Comments
1. Spas Raikin	This request is complete.
2. Leo Cherne	ARRB awaits documentation.
3. Hunter Leake	ARRB awaits documentation. HRP is checking for a DCD file.
4. Marilyn Dutz Murret	This request is complete.
5. John McVickar	ARRB awaits documentation.
6. Andy Anderson	ARRB awaits documentation.
7. Byron B. Morton, Jr.	ARRB awaits documentation.
8. Marie Cheatham	ARRB awaits documentation.
9. Paul Garbler	ARRB awaits documentation.
10. Verna Deane Brown	ARRB awaits documentation.
11. George Stanley Brown	ARRB awaits documentation.
12. Howard Guebler	ARRB awaits documentation. HRP will check for files.
13. Gordon Duane Novel	ARRB awaits documentation. HRP will check for files.
14. Ed Butler	ARRB awaits documentation. HRP will check for files.

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**CIA-IR-20 Monster Plot.**

This request is complete.

**CIA-IR-21 Monthly Operational Reports for DRE.**

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CIA has now provided the Office of Personnel file of Mr. George E. Joannides, the case officer responsible for the DRE during the December 1962 to April 1964 time period. The documents for the relevant time period have been reviewed by Michelle Combs and marked for processing as assassination records. Once confirmation is received that these records are in process for review, this request is complete.

**CIA-IR-22 "A" File on Clay Shaw and Jim Garrison.**

The Shaw and Garrison files have been declared assassination records. Copies of both files have been marked for processing. This request is complete.

**CIA-IR-23 Watch Committee Files.**

CIA has submitted a response to this request and the ARRB has received confirmation that the relevant documents have been marked for processing as assassination records. This response is complete.

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**CIA-IR-24 Defector File.**

This request is complete.

**CIA-IR-25 Zapruder Film.**

CIA has provided a partial oral response to this request. There is no record of a "William Green" at NPIC in November 1963 and CIA has been unable to locate any log books or indexes from the period still in existence. It is the Board's understanding that CIA is still completing its search of NPIC records. When complete, CIA should document its searches in a final response.

**CIA-IR-26 Jordan James Pfuntner.**

A response has been received from CIA. This request is complete.

**CIA-IR-27 Security Files for Five Individuals.**

The ARRB staff has reviewed Office of Security files for Richard Case Nagel, Gordon Novel, Jack Ruby, Harold Weisburg, and Walter Sheridan. The entire files for Gordon Novel, Jack Ruby, and Richard Case Nagel have been designated assassination records. Portions of the files for Harold Weisberg and Walter Sheridan will be designated assassination records. A meeting has been set for March 6, 1998 to designate these files. Once confirmation is received that these five files have been marked for processing as assassination records, this request will be complete.

**CIA-IR-28 McCone Files.**

In August 1997, the ARRB staff reviewed an index for the files of former DCI John McCone and identified some files to be reviewed for assassination records. A meeting should be set up to examine these files.

**CIA-IR-29 Oswald Le Winter.**

This request is complete.

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**CIA-IR-30 Cherepanov Papers.**

In the fall of 1963, Paul Garbler, Chief of Station Moscow, copied a series of KGB papers from the American Department of the KGB's Second Directorate which had arrived at the embassy from Aleksandr Cherepanov. The Review Board requests access to review these papers.

**CIA-IR-31. Dulles Calendar.**

In testimony before the Church Committee on May 4, 1977, Richard Bissell made reference to the existence of a calendar for former DCI Allen W. Dulles which would reflect all of Dulles' meetings. The Review Board requests the Dulles calendar for January 1959 through his resignation as DCI on November 29, 1961.

CIA has reported that this material has been located and will be made available for review.

**CIA-IR-32 AMWORLD.**

The Review Board seeks information regarding the purpose of AMWORLD and its connection with the Cuban exile groups.

The Review Board has been provided some information in regard to this request that appears to be incomplete. The CIA is now seeking additional information to correct or to clarify its previous answers. The Review Board seeks an immediate, full, and accurate response to this request. Once a written statement is provided, this request will be complete. „

**CIA-IR-33 FBIS-USR-92-112.**

In January 1998, the Review Board requested a review of FBIS-USR-92-112 and any other files or information on the Kennedy assassination which might exist in FBIS files and are not already in the public domain. CIA has been provided with a copy of an FBIS report with this number which consists of a translation of an Izvestiya report entitled, "Case No. 31451: What Information Does the KGB Dossier on the Man Known as the Murderer of U.S. President John Kennedy Contain?"

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On February 1, 1998 CIA reported that all FBIS material is unclassified and in the public domain and that FBIS has no past or current file on Lee Harvey Oswald or the Kennedy assassination. The Review Board seeks a written response to this request. Once the formal statement is provided, this request is complete.

**CIA-IR-34 Files of CIA Officials and/or Offices.**

The Review Board requests the office files of the individuals occupying the following positions during the period 1959-1964:

files of the Office of the Deputy Director of Central Intelligence, 1959-1964.

General Charles Cabell 1953-1962

General Marshall Carter 1962-1965

files of the Office of the Deputy Director for Plans, 1959-1964.

Richard Bissell 1958-1962

Richard Helms 1962-1965

the Chronological files of C. Tracy Barnes 1959-1964.

Office of the General Counsel, Lawrence Houston 1959-1964.

Operational Diaries of William Harvey 1962-1963.

**CIA-IR-35 Source identified in RIF number 104-10151-10206.**

On February 27, 1998, the Review Board requested information about a source and possible information on Lee Harvey Oswald given by this source to the CIA.

**CIA-IR-36 Handling of cables in 1963.**

As a follow up question to CIA-6, on February 27, 1998, the Review Board requested an explanation or any official document or regulation concerning the handling of chronological cables by the Directorate of Operations divisions which was applicable in 1963.

CIA provided a response to this request on March 4, 1998. This response is now complete.

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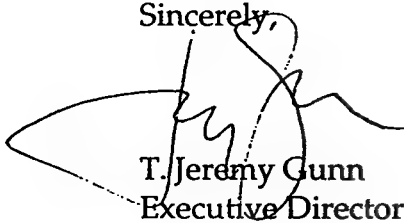
CIA-IR-37 William Pawley.

The Review Board requests access to review all files on William Pawley and any files on his possible connection with Cuban exile groups in the 1962-1963 timeframe.

*Conclusion*

Please let me know if you have any supplements or corrections to the lists above. We would very much like to ensure that these matters are handled expeditiously. As always, we appreciate your cooperation and assistance.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'T. Gunn', is written over the typed name and title. The signature is stylized with a large loop and a long horizontal stroke.

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Re: Status of CIA Responses to Assassination Records Review Board's Requests for  
Additional Information and Records

Dear Barry:

I am writing to update you on the Review Board's understanding of the status of CIA's responses to our formal and informal requests for additional information and records that the ARRB Staff has requested pursuant to Section 7(j)(1)(C)(ii) of the President John F. Kennedy Assassination Records Collection Act of 1992, 44 U.S.C. § 2107 (Supp. V 1994) (JFK Act).

We appreciate recent CIA efforts to respond to our outstanding requests. As we have noted in earlier letters, these requests will be incorporated into the Agency's final compliance declaration. As you know, in requesting these materials, we are not designating them "assassination records" at this time and we are not requesting that CIA provide copies to the Review Board. As we have noted, all outstanding ARRB requests for additional information, both formal and informal, were scheduled to be completed by April 1, 1998. Although the April 1 deadline has passed, the Review Board still intends to complete all necessary work on the outstanding requests as soon as possible. The Review Board is currently in the process of drafting its final report to the President and to Congress and it considers the issue of CIA requests for additional information and records a crucial one. At a meeting with the Review Board staff on July 16, 1998, the CIA made a commitment to complete all but three of the outstanding requests, formal and informal, by August 1, 1998. Due to Review Board staff commitments, we are willing to extend that deadline to no later than Friday August 7, 1998.

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The remainder of this letter is divided into two parts involving first, the formal requests for information and records, and second, the informal requests for information and records.

***Formal Requests***

**CIA-1 Organizational Material.**

The Review Board staff has marked these materials for processing as assassination records and CIA provided a written response. This request is complete.

**CIA-2 through CIA-5.**

These requests are complete.

**CIA-6 Cables and Dispatches.**

This request is complete.

**CIA-7 Histories.**

Michelle Combs, of the Review Board staff, is continuing to review the approximately sixty histories designated for review. The Review Board staff appreciates the cooperation it has received from HRP in our review of the histories. CIA should continue to make the remaining histories available in consultation with the Review Board.

**CIA-8 Intelligence Community Staff Records.**

The Review Board first requested information on the Intelligence Community Staff on March 1, 1996. On October 1, 1996, CIA agreed to report on the status of this request within two weeks. While we understand that this request turned out to be more difficult and complicated than originally envisioned, this request has been outstanding for more than two years. The Review Board has not yet received any substantive response. This request must be completed by August 7, 1998.

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**CIA-15 Win Scott Files Identified in Russ Holmes Files.**

This request is complete.

**CIA-16 Oswald Pre-Assassination Files.**

The Oswald Security File was released to the JFK Collection at the National Archives. The Review Board awaits a formal, full, and complete response to this request.

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**CIA-IR-22 "A" File on Clay Shaw and Jim Garrison.**

This request is complete.

**CIA-IR-23 Watch Committee Files.**

This response is complete.

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**CIA-IR-30 Cherepanov Papers.**

On April 2, 1998, Michelle Combs examined the English translation of the Cherepanov Papers. She did not designate any pages as assassination records. This request is complete.

**CIA-IR-31 Dulles Calendar.**

Michelle Combs has examined the Dulles calendars for January 1959 through November 29, 1961. She designated some pages as assassination records and marked those pages for processing. This request is otherwise complete.

**CIA-IR-32 AMWORLD.**

The Review Board seeks information regarding the purpose of AMWORLD and its connection with the Cuban exile groups.

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Operational Diaries of William Harvey 1962-1963.

The Directorate of Operations has provided indexes to the records of the DDP and specifically to the records of Richard Bissell, Richard Helms, and C. Tracy Barnes. Michelle Combs has marked specific files for review and has designated documents as assassination records. The review of the DDO records is expected to be completed shortly. The CIA should make available the additional files on or before August 7, 1998.

CIA-IR-35 Source identified in RIF number 104-10151-10206.

On April 2, 1998, Michelle Combs of the ARRB staff reviewed the 201 on this source. She did not designate any assassination records from the reviewed material. As a follow-up, the Review Board has requested access to the 201 of Boris Vladimirovich Zhuravlev, who is also named in the document. The Review Board requests that the records on the possible information on Lee Harvey Oswald mentioned in RIF 104-10151-10206 be located on or before August 7, 1998.

CIA-IR-36 Handling of cables in 1963.

This response is complete.

CIA-IR-37 William Pawley.

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***Conclusion***

Please let me know if you have any supplements or corrections to the lists above. We are interested in a prompt resolution to each of the requests. As always, we appreciate your cooperation and assistance.

Sincerely,

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